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FM AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3540

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

UNCLAS JOHANNESBURG 1105

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: SECOND NIGHT OF VIOLENCE AT HARTBEEFONTEIN GOLD MINE
AS STRIKES CONTINUE AT ERPM AND WESTERN DEEP LEVELS

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1093 AND 1101

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS ABOUT 40 POLICE BATON-CHARGED
SEVERAL HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS WHO WERE DISRUPTING TRAFFIC OUT-
SIDE HARTBEEFONTEIN MINE'S NO. 7 SHAFT EVENING OF OCTOBER 23
AND PUSHED THEM BACK WITHIN CONFINES OF MINE HOSTEL. TOLL WAS
ELEVEN INJURED AND HOSPITALIZED.

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2. POLICE ALSO ARRESTED TWO TEAM LEADERS WHO ARE TO BE CHARGED UNDER RIOTOUS ASSEMBLIES ACT FOR PREVENTING MINERS FROM REPORTING FOR WORK AT NO. 4 SHAFT

3. AT ERPM SHANGAAN STRIKE STILL UNSETTLED THROUGH MALAWIANS WHO STRUCK WEEK OF OCTOBER 13 WERE BACK AT WORK. ABOUT 140 SHANGAANS WERE IN PROCESS OF BEING REPATRIATED.

4. AT WESTERN DEEP LEVELS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MINE OFFICIALS AND MALAWIANS REACHED IMPASSE OCTOBER 23 WITH APPROXIMATELY 1,400 MALAWIANS CONTINUING TO DEMAND REPATRIATION.

5. AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE ANNOUNCED FOR DECEMBER 1 (JOHANNESBURG'S 1093) HAS GIVEN RISE TO DEMANDS THAT INCREASE BE PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.
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